

## **AVAPCD FUNDS BIKES FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The City of Palmdale ranks among the top ten safest cities in Los Angeles County, thanks in part to an innovative law enforcement program known as Partners Against Crime (PAC). The program effectively uses community-based teamwork between the Palmdale Sheriff's Station, the City of Palmdale, and the community to fight crime and keep Palmdale's streets safe for its citizens. As a result, Palmdale has seen its crime rates drop significantly since the program's inception. In addition to its enviable safety record, Palmdale also boasts some of the cleanest air in Southern California.

To further the goal of an increasingly cleaner and safer environment for Palmdale residents, the AVAPCD Governing Board awarded a Mobile Source Emission Reductions Program grant to the Palmdale Sheriff's Station during their March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. As a result, 11 mountain bikes were purchased locally by the Sheriff's Department for an approximate cost of \$1,600 a piece. These bicycles are now being used by Bicycle Patrol Deputies in areas where officers have a need for greater mobility than that afforded by conventional, gas powered patrol cars. The use of bicycles in this capacity provides the added benefits of eliminating air emissions associated with standard patrol cars, reducing fuel consumption and relieving traffic congestion. Additionally, the new bikes enable the deputies to increase their interaction and accessibility to the public.

"The AVAPCD is proud to partner with the Palmdale Sheriff's Department in making Palmdale a safer and more healthful place to live," said Chuck Fryxell, the District's APCO.